

Listing of the Claims

The following Listing of the Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please cancel claim 15.

Please add claims 16-18.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A patch ~~for covering a portion of the anatomical surface of a living being, said patch being able to adhere to the skin or mucosa, and/or a wound, said patch comprising:~~

a backing layer and a layer of a ~~skin-friendly adhesive~~ disposed on the backing layer, the layer of for adhering to the skin or mucosa, said adhesive comprises comprising hydrocolloid particles, wherein at least along the periphery of the patch the thickness of the adhesive layer is 20-300 μm , ~~and the vapour permeability of the patch is greater than 500 g/m^2 and the absorption of the patch is 40-600 $\text{g}/\text{m}^2/6\text{h}$, the area of the patch is less than 5 cm^2 and the patch provides a wear time of at least four hours when adhered to mucosa of a user.~~

Claim 2 (original): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a substantially uniform thickness.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the absorption of the patch is 50-400 $\text{g}/\text{m}^2/6\text{h}$.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is 30-200 μm .

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the vapour permeability of the patch is ~~500~~ 300-800 g/m^2 .

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 125 μm .

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 50 μm .

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a reflectance lower than 5.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the backing layer is a polyurethane film.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the backing layer has a thickness of less than 30 μm .

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive layer is uninterrupted.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the patch comprises an absorbent pad.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the patch comprises one or more cavities.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch further comprises one or more active ingredients.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (New): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a maximum thickness and a peripheral edge thickness of the patch does not exceed about 30% of the maximum thickness of the patch, the peripheral edge thickness configured to increase wear time of the patch by reducing rolling-up of a periphery of the patch away from the mucosa.

Claim 17 (New) A patch according to claim 16, wherein an outer periphery of the patch is bevelled between the maximum thickness of the patch and the peripheral edge thickness.

Claim 18 (New) A patch according to claim 17, wherein the patch is a herpes patch configured to provide a discreet appearance in which the bevelled outer periphery of the patch smoothly transitions to the anatomical surface.